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WTO ADVANCED WORKSHOP GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Geneva, Switzerland

13-15 November 2018

Within the framework of the World Trade Organization's Biennial Technical Assistance and Training Plan for 2018-2019 (WT/COMTD/W/227/Rev.1), the WTO Secretariat, with the financial assistance of the Global Trust Fund, is organizing an **Advanced Workshop on Government Procurement and Governance** for the benefit of participants from eligible WTO Members and Observers. Participants eligible for funding will be individually selected on the basis of their current responsibilities and experience in trade, government procurement policy and governance and related issues.

The Workshop will be held from **13 to 15 November 2018**, at the headquarters of the WTO in **Geneva**. It aims to familiarize participants with: (i) the role of trade instruments, in particular the GPA, in promoting competition and good governance and their contribution to combatting corruption in government procurement markets; (ii) the contribution of competition policy instruments to the efficient functioning of government procurement markets, including in combatting supplier collusion; (iii) the role of effective institutions and related domestic review systems in promoting transparency, predictability, and the efficient functioning of government procurement markets; and (iv) the synergies and complementarities in international disciplines in this area, and their significance for global policy coherence in promoting good governance in public procurement markets. It thus seeks to facilitate policy analysis and dialogue on this issue both nationally and internationally.

..... The Workshop will be held in **English**. A draft programme is attached.

Participation in the activity

The WTO Secretariat will fund **up to two senior capital-based officials per eligible country up to a maximum of 30** officials to participate in the above activity. Additional participants up to a total of **20** may be accepted on a **self-funded** basis, **subject to an overall maximum of 50** WTO-funded and self-funded participants.

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Preference will be given to nominees at senior level having policy responsibility and/or a demonstrated background in trade and/or government procurement policy matters. Familiarity with or responsibility for the enforcement of market disciplines under GPA or equivalent regimes will be an advantage. Priority will be given to nominees from Parties, acceding Members and Observers to the GPA. The Organizers reserve the right to decline the candidature of nominees who do not meet these requirements and/or on the basis of the maximum number of funded and self-funded participants.

Nominations and logistical matters

Your Government is invited to nominate **up to four senior capital-based officials, of whom up to two may be selected and funded** to participate in the activity. Ideally, one official should be from your government's procurement authority or domestic review body and one from the trade ministry, ministry of finance, competition agency or other ministry or agency with policy responsibility in this area.

..... The nominations, on the attached registration form and accompanied by a brief one-page curriculum vitae (CV), must be returned, duly completed and signed by the candidate as well as by the nominating national authority, **via the Permanent Mission / Embassy to the WTO, no later than 5th of October 2018**, to Logistics Unit, WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (E-mail: logistics.unit@wto.org or Fax: +41 22/739 57 24).

A round trip airplane ticket in economy class, accommodation for the duration of the course, a daily subsistence allowance and a terminal expenses allowance will be provided to funded candidates. Further administrative details will be communicated to selected funded participants directly. **No logistical arrangements can be made for self-funded participants.**

The WTO Secretariat reserves the right to postpone or cancel this activity in the event of force majeure or other reasons that render the execution of the activity impracticable.

Participants will be required to contribute to the activity by providing comments on their national experiences, particularly during the breakout sessions and the general discussions sessions for each topic area, and should come duly prepared.